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A NEW YEAR MEANS NEW LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Creston, Iowa — As we usher in a new year (2021 went by so quickly!), the Gibson Memorial Library will also be ushering in new library programming. A more detailed listing of events and programming taking place in January is as follows:

Library Board Meeting

The Library Board meeting will be on Monday, January 3, 2022, in the Library's Genealogy Room at 5 PM.

The next monthly Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 5 PM in the Genealogy Room. Library Board meetings are open to the public.

Patrons can always view upcoming Board meetings, and the library board's agenda on the Library's Facebook and online at the library's website at: <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/about/library-board>

Arts and Crafts Guild

The first and third Monday of each month from 5 PM - 8 PM, the library will be hosting an evening of arts and crafts where the public is welcome to come and work on any kind of arty or crafty project they may be currently working on. Attendees are encouraged to show off what they're working on and to share any crafting and skills or tips they may have. You may come and go as you please in this relaxed and casual programming.

Crochet Group

Come crochet with a casual group and learn tips, tricks, and techniques! This group meets every Wednesday from 1 PM - 3 PM in the Genealogy room.

Magic: The Gathering

Play a fun and casual session of Magic the Gathering card game at the Library on Wednesday's from 5 PM – 8 PM.

Welcome decks donated to the Library from the Bookwyrms will be passed out, while supplies last, to those who do not have a starter deck and wish to join the group!

This event is NOT sponsored by Wizards of the Coast LLC.

Is It Spring Yet? - Adult Reading Program

In this adult reading program starting January 6, participants must read or listen to 8 of our many library books revolving around spring. Eligible non-fiction books must be about gardening, flowers, or plants. If non-fiction isn't your cup of tea and fiction is, the book title for eligible fiction books must contain one of the following words: Flower(s), flowering, name of a flower, tree or a

name of a tree, garden, gardener, gardening, planter, plants, planting, spring, rain, or raining. Readers may select from adult fiction, young adult, e-books, and inter-library loan. All titles must be checked out through the Gibson Memorial Library and titles and authors are required on your book log which must be completed and returned by 6 PM on Friday, March 11.

Three prizes will be awarded. NO incentives.

Friends of the Library Purse Auction

January will bring a unique fundraiser to help raise money for the library's activities. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a purse auction. This will be a silent auction similar to a basket auction, however, the containers will be themed purses filled with wonderful surprises! If you would like to help with this project, please contact Peg Anderson at 641.782.4000 for more information. The auction will run January 10-31, 2022.

LEGO Lab

Use your creativity and architectural instincts to build your next masterpiece with LEGOs in the Gibson Memorial Library LEGO Lab. The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 4 PM - 5 PM, LEGOs will be available for participants to build whatever their building savvy minds lead them to. If you feel like your brain isn't hardwired that way, building challenges will be available to lead you in a more guided approach to your build. This is a come and go activity and is open for ages kindergarten through 12th grade. The library will provide LEGOs and we ask that participants not bring additional LEGO pieces from home.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

The Friends of the Library Board will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 17, 2022, at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

Union County Genealogical Society Meeting

The Union County Genealogical Society will host their monthly meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 6 PM in the library's genealogy room.

Pajama Storytime

Join Youth Services Librarian, Danielle, for Pajama Storytime on January 24 at 7 PM in the children's room. Wear your jammies and slippers, and bring your favorite stuffed friend for a bedtime story and song!

Lessons of the Holocaust

On January 26 from 5 PM - 8 PM, the Gibson Memorial Library will be welcoming Brad Wilkening to present "Lessons of the Holocaust". Wilkening is a member of the Iowa Holocaust Council and has been presenting and enacting programs within schools and libraries since 2015.

Wilkening's main purpose is for us all to realize that decisions we make have consequences and not making decisions has consequences as well. The goal of the program is to help all become better people.

Adult and Social Justice Book Club

Adult and Social Justice Book Club will be held on Tuesday, January 25 at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

The book being discussed is, *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan.

Copies of the books may be borrowed from the library or through OverDrive/Bridges the library's online eBook and audiobook platform.

Need help with ZOOM? Watch this useful tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7xXZxRDFUU&t=7s>

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8524207703>
Meeting ID: 852 420 7703
Mobile:13126266799, 8524207703, # - US (Chicago)

January Take and Make Craft

For the month of January, the library will be preparing take and make crafts for teens and children to take home and put together. Pre registration is required in order to pick up these prepared take and makes on January 28 from 10 AM - 6 PM. Sign up can be done through the Sign Up Genius link provided under the events tab on our website or by calling the library at 641.782.2277.

Movie in the Library - Royal Wedding (1951)

On Monday, January 31, the library will be hosting a movie in the library. The film being screened will be Royal Wedding (1951) starring Fred Astaire and Jane Powell. Royal Wedding is a comedic musical about a brother and sister dance act that encounter challenges and romance when booked in London during the Royal Wedding.

Popcorn and movie candy will be available to munch on!

For more information, please visit the Gibson Memorial Library website at <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us> and at the library's social media channels on Facebook and Instagram.

If you would like to support the Gibson Memorial Library, you may volunteer your time by joining the Library Board, the Friends of the Library Board, the Capital Campaign, or consider making a contribution to the Library online at our website: <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us>.

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